

General Assembly **Proposed Bill No. 6667**

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LCO No. 2928

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by: REP. LEONE, 148th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF HURRICANE SHUTTERS OR OTHER WIND-RESISTANT FEATURES ON RESIDENCES LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That chapter 700 of the general statutes, concerning property and 2 casualty insurance, be amended to (1) prohibit an insurer that issues, 3 renews, amends or endorses a homeowners insurance policy in this state from requiring a homeowner to install hurricane shutters or other 4 wind-resistant features on his or her residence as a condition of 5 renewal of such policy, (2) require an insurer that issues, renews, 7 amends or endorses a homeowners insurance policy in this state to 8 offer a premium discount on any such policy in an amount equal to 9 forty-five to fifty per cent of the hurricane windstorm portion of such 10 premium to any homeowner who installs hurricane shutters or other 11 wind-resistant features on his or her residence, and (3) require an 12 insurer that issues, renews, amends or endorses such a policy to 13 provide written notification to a homeowner of cancellation or 14 modification of such homeowners insurance policy not less than one 15 hundred eighty days prior to such cancellation or modification.

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage, but not require, hurricane mitigation steps to be taken by offering financial incentives from insurance companies and to strengthen the notification requirements whenever there is a modification in coverage or a termination.